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My dear Gray

I write a few lines to thank you for your last letter - I shall examine your new Boraginea (might like an Echtrichium) & your notes on Scrophulariaceæ when I come to work in some other memoranda before reading my MS to the printer which will not be for some weeks yet as they only get through about a sheet a week & the Dipsaceæ & Valerianeæ they have now in hand will fill five or six sheets - You will therefore have time for - and I will be much obliged to you to send me the distinctive characters you offer for the omitted genera Minuartia

Dr reports Viticella Meteb to Galaxy with which it can have nothing to do – May it not be Hydrophyllum appendiculatum?

I have just done Geraniaceae including Oxalidaceae and am now just attacking Begoniaceae

I have had a melancholy interruption going down into Herefordshire to the funeral of my wife's brother in law Col Scudamore – – our Herefordshire connections are now quite broken up

Yours very sincerely

George Bentham

Did I tell you that Stachys menthifolia grows in Sclerophyllous Alps? – poor thing has I am afraid made rather a mess of her botheridge one new genus is made out of a single accidentally injured corolla – a dimerous flower which was found in the panicle of the specimen to which it really belonged